

Durham Environmental Affairs Board

Meeting Notes

May 26, 1999

Chairman Jim Conner called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Members in attendance were Jerad Bales, Jim Conner, Ed Harrison, Steve Hiltner, Joseph Jackson, Marion Johnson-Thompson, David Kirkpatrick, and Brian Morton. Staff in attendance were Sue Burke, Terry Rolan, Alex Waddell, and Glen Whisler. Allen Dearry was absent. Freddie Putney will be sending a letter of resignation.

Shearon Harris Nuclear Waste Storage Facility Expansion: Jim Conner stated the NRC hearing was held May 15 in Chapel Hill and he had heard no results as of yet.

Northwest/Northeast Corridor: Brian Morton reported the Sub-committee of the Joint City/County Planning Commission has drafted a resolution endorsing the Northern Durham Parkway and recommending approval by the City Council on June 7 and the Board of County Commissioners on June 14. The Chamber of Commerce, the Eno River Association, and other interested parties in Durham have reached consensus on the preferred alignment of the route. Flyod McKissick presented the proposal to Secretary Tolson on May 23, 1999. Mr Tolson was favorable and said his department would respond as soon as they could. Generally the Environmental Affairs Board members were in favor of the resolution with only a few points of concern. Jerad Bales will draft a letter with the help of David Kirkpatrick to be presented to the elected officials at the public hearings.

Natural Resource Protection Amendments: Public hearings were held on the Tree Protection and Land Disturbing Ordinances May 3, 1999 for City Council and May 10, 1999 for Board of County Commissioners. These items were approved by the elected officials except an outstanding issue of tree protection related to existing lots of record. Public Hearings will be held by City Council on June 7 and the Board of County Commissioners on June 14 for the remaining ordinance changes related to floodplain, wetlands, and steep slopes.

Status of Appointments: Marian Johnson-Thompson, a County appointment for Public Health, submitted forms for reappointment. Allen Dearry's position, a County appointment for Public Policy, will need to be filled. Freddie Putney has resigned and his position, a County appointment for Education, will need to be filled. The City appointment for Energy also needs to be filled.

New Business: Marian Johnson-Thompson and Brian Morton were chosen as a nominating committee for electing new officers.

Meeting Notes: Ed Harrison made a motion and Joe Jackson seconded the motion to approve the notes from the April 27, 1999 meeting. The notes were approved with all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Prepared by Alex Waddell, May 26, 1999